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NEBRASKA 2005 SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION

LINCOLN, Neb., September 30, 2005 -- The final 2005 estimate for Nebraska **wheat** production totaled 68.6 million bushels, 12 percent above last year's crop but 18 percent less than two years ago, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This estimate is up 4 percent from the August 1 forecast. Average yield in Nebraska is estimated at 39 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August forecast but 2 bushels above last year. Area harvested for grain, at 1.76 million, is 60,000 acres above the August forecast and 110,000 more than last year. "Growing season moisture supplies were well above previous year's levels, resulting in near record high head counts. However, frost and disease damage significantly lowered head weights and yield", said Mark Harris, director of the Nebraska Field Office.

Oat production in 2005 totaled 4.38 million bushels, 29 percent above the 2004 crop. Planted acreage, at 150,000, is up 7 percent from 2004 and harvested acreage for grain, at 60,000, is up 20 percent from a year ago. Yield, at 73 bushels per acre, is up 5 bushels from last year and ties the record high set in 2003.

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